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REMARKS

In the Examiner's Action dated March 23, 2005, the Examiner indicated that an Election to one of the following "species" was required:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a bottling plant for filling bottles, classified in class 53, subclass 167.
- II. Claims 4-20, drawn to a method of operating a cleaning station, classified in class 53, subclass 426.

In response to the election requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I for prosecution in the present application. Claims 4-6 have been amended herein to recite a method of operating a bottling plant, and Claims 7-20 have been amended to recite a bottling plant. It is therefore respectfully submitted that all the claims as amended herein read on the elected species in accordance with the election.

Summary and Conclusion:

It is submitted that Applicant has provided a new and unique BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BOTTLES WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL, AND A CLEANING DEVICE

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FOR CLEANING BOTTLES IN A BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT. It is submitted that the claims are fully distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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